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REISSUE PATENT APPLICATION

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For: ILLUMINATION OPTICAL APPARATUS USING DIFFERENT NUMBER OF
LIGHT SOURCES UNDER DIFFERENT EXPOSURE MODES, METHOD OF
OPERATING AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THEREOF

CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

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Sir:

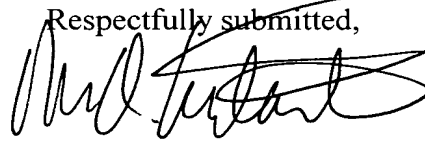
The present reissue application is based on U.S. Patent No. 5,991,009, which issued from U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/127,625, filed August 3, 1998, and which is a division of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/921,311, filed August 29, 1997 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,815,248), which in turn is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/636,272, filed April 29, 1996, which in turn is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/231,159, filed April 22, 1994.

The benefit of the filing dates of Japanese Patent Application No. 5-095930, filed in Japan on April 22, 1993, Japanese Patent Application No. 5-140579, filed in Japan on June 11, 1993 and Japanese Patent Application No. 5-144634, filed in Japan on June 16, 1993, are hereby requested for the above-identified reissue application, and the priority provided in 35 U.S.C. §119 is hereby claimed.

In support of this claim, certified copies of the Japanese Patent Applications were filed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/231,159.

It is requested that the file of this application be marked to indicate that the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §119 have been fulfilled and that the Patent and Trademark Office kindly acknowledge receipt of this document.

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